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Family Support Center

440th Airlift Wing News

Information for
friends and family of
activated members.

This Month's Topics

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Deadlines for Mailing Holiday Packages Overseas



Officials in Central Command have set deadlines for deployed soldiers to get their packages sent to their bases.

- The first deadlines for anything sent by parcel post will be **12 November 2005** for all military mail addresses.
- Anything sent space-available mail must be posted no later than **26 Nov 2005**.
- First-class and priority mail should be sent by **5 December 2005**

- The last deadline for express mail is **19 December 2005**.

During last years' holiday season, more than 4.5 millions pounds of mail was processed within the Central Command area of operations. The average delivery time was 10 days. **For more information on mailing restrictions, package sizes and rates, check with local postal operations representatives.**

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Helmets to Hardhats - Employment Opportunities

Helmets to Hardhats is a federally funded program created for service members of the National Guard, Army Reserve and the four other reserve components. The program is designed to help those with military experience get hired in civilian construction trades. It is also a way for the construction industry to find new workers who have already acquired the discipline and dependability, as well as, the leadership skills and the safety training that is stressed by the military.

The construction industry needs **1.6 million** new workers in the building and construction trades. Some parts of the country need more workers than others. Helmets to Hardhats has jobs just about everywhere you want to be. **For more information, visit the representatives of Helmets to Hardhats in Heritage Hall, 7 January 2006 from 1100-1530 hrs. Family Support Center 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424.**

Candle Safety

The holidays are near, so just a reminder. Candles are an open flame and are often an attraction.

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**PLACES TO GO....PEOPLE TO
MEET.....THINGS TO DO**



HEART LINK - SPOUSE ORIENTATION

WHEN: November 6, 2005
TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
WHERE: 440TH Airlift Wing, General Mitchell, Heritage Hall, Bldg 102

Meet other Air Force spouses and learn what the Air Force can do for you. **For details or registration call 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424.**



Come Meet Your Neighbor Night in Illinois

Join us for dinner at the **Old Country Buffet at 8780 West Dempster Street in Niles, Illinois on November 15, 2005 at 6:30 pm.**

This is a great opportunity for the families who have members who are deployed to meet other families of the 440th from Illinois and enjoy an all you can eat dinner for less than \$8.00. **For more details or to RSVP call Family Support at 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424.**



What's going on in Wisconsin?

Join the families of the 440th from the Milwaukee area at the **Old Country Buffet at 4902 South 74th Street, Greenfield, WI, November 19, 2005 from 11:00 - 1:00 pm.** Meet other 440th families that live in the area and enjoy an all you can eat lunch for less than \$8.00. **For more details or to RSVP Family Support call 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424.**



Bundles for Babies is a fun and educational class for new parents! Classes are open to all ranks and are not limited to your first pregnancy. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about parenting skills, meet other expectant parents, and receive a great gift for your precious bundle. Contact the Family Support Center for more details and to register. The next class will be held **December 3, 2005 from 0900-1200. RSVP call 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424.**



COPING WITH STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A festive season can be very lonely for someone who has a loved one who is away over the holidays. Join us and our guest speakers **December 10, 2005 from 0900-11:00 in the Conference Room, in Bldg 102.** For details and RSVP call Family Support Center 1-800-224-2744 or 414-482-5424. **Children's activities will be available.**

**From the 440th Family Support Center to the 440th Airlift Wing
family
Happy Thanksgiving**

**NOTE: The public website for General Mitchell Air Reserve Station is at
<http://www.afrc.af.mil/440AW/>**

This site has information about the base and its mission. It also has links to offices such as Family Support and access to current and past issues of The Flying Badger .

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